

# Wet Basement Cleanup

## Information for cleanup of flooded basements based on event.

## GROUNDWATER - - infiltration/lack of sump pump:

- Drywall & insulation- remove to one foot above high water line
- Carpet pad remove and replace
- Carpet may be dried out and disinfected if heavy mold is not present, otherwise replace
- Appliances if appliance was inundated with water , have Licensed Mechanical Contractor inspect for repair or replacement
- Electrical openings if inundated with water, have a Licensed Electrical Contractor inspect for repair or replacement
- Dry all areas including wall cavities
- Clean and disinfect all affected areas
- Note: heavy mold concentrations may need to be removed by a licensed contractor

### **SEWER - - backup:**

- Drywall & insulation- remove to one foot above high water line
- Carpet pad remove and replace
- Carpet remove and replace
- Porous items and materials remove and replace
- Appliances if appliance was inundated with water , have Licensed Mechanical Contractor inspect for repair or replacement
- Electrical openings if inundated with water, have a Licensed Electrical Contractor inspect for repair or replacement
- Dry all areas including wall cavities
- Clean and disinfect all affected areas
- Note: heavy mold concentrations may need to be removed by a licensed contractor

## PERMITS and INSPECTIONS REQUIRED

• Electrical and Mechanical as needed

### **CLEANUP TIPS**

- Wear rubber gloves when using disinfectants
- Disinfect affected areas with a solution of 10% household bleach (1-1/2 cup bleach per gallon of water) & wet thoroughly do not mix bleach with ammonia.
- Allow disinfected areas to dry naturally overnight
- Ventilate area well
- Consider using a mask or respirator and protective clothing when removing moldy materials

There are a number of good resources that cover the issues and cleanup described above, particularly concerning mold. Please note the following links and simply type mold in the search engines: